

13 INDICTED IN PROBE OF 1913 LEGISLATURE

Homer Cook and W. P. O'Neill in List of Grand Jury

ALLIES' AIRMEN
DROP 4 BOMBS
ON BADEN CITY

Emperor William Elated Over Prospect in Eastern Theatre Where Teutons' Armies Smash Russians.

NO GAINS IN THE WEST

German Clergymen Ask Permission to Join Army and Fight Against Foes of the Country.

BULLETIN.
BERLIN, Dec. 5. (By Wire)—The following official announcement was issued this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock:
"Headquarters reports that all French attacks in West Flanders and south of Metz on Friday were repulsed. We have made progress near La Bassée, in the Arrondissement, and southwest of Aitkirch."

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BERLIN, Dec. 5.—Foreign airmen are showing great activity over the southwestern border of Germany. The commandant at Muelhausen reports that aeroplanes, believed to be French, sailed over Freiburg, a city of the grand duchy of Baden, and dropped four bombs.

[Freiburg lies about forty miles south of Strasbourg, and twenty miles inside the German border. The city lies about eleven miles from the Rhine, but forms a part of the German line of defense down the Rhine valley. It is surrounded by the beautiful scenery of the Black Forest, and contains a cathedral, which was started in the nineteenth century.]

Emperor William is elated with the prospects in the eastern theatre of war.
Preachers Active.
One hundred and seventy-two clergymen have signed an appeal asking the government to rescind the law which prohibits ministers of the gospel from fighting with the army.
The German military authorities that the French have made any appreciable gains in the lower reaches of the Vosges, and that the French headquarters announce that "The French took only one post at Upper Asch, which the Germans abandoned voluntarily."
The Germans still hold Lower Asch, it is said.
Lieutenant Commander Briggs of the British royal flying corps, who has recently captured during the raid over Freiderichshafen, has been interned in the fortress at Unkolstad.

MINISTERS APPROVE
BELGIAN WAR FILM

Indianapolis Men in All Branches of Activity Praise Pictures.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 5.—Men from many walks of life, including business men and ministers, had words of praise for the pictures that are being shown this week for the benefit of the Star Line fund. The vividness of the war, as brought home to Indianapolis from Europe, received favorable comment from those who saw the films yesterday and last night. Following are a few comments heard in the lobby of the theatre after yesterday's performances.

The Rev. J. D. Stanley, rector of Christ Episcopal church—"The ruins wrought to cities by shells from the battlefield is not only impressive, which can picture it. But even that can give us only a faint idea of the horrors of war. I enjoyed the pictures very much."

Harry C. Hendrickson, attorney—"I enjoyed the pictures very much. It is a splendid agency through which one can not but be impressed with the conditions in this country—where we have peace and plenty. I was very much impressed with the heroic work of the Red Cross. Its members seem to be always where there is the most danger. The pictures are wonderful."

The Rev. Joshua Stansfield, pastor of the Meridian Street Methodist church—"It is remarkable how this terrible war is brought home to us. The terrible suffering among the Belgian women and children is brought home most vividly. The pictures are truly remarkable."

Eben H. Wolcott, member State board of tax commissioners—"The pictures are splendid. After seeing them one can not but be impressed with the conditions in this country—where we have peace and plenty. I was very much impressed with the heroic work of the Red Cross. Its members seem to be always where there is the most danger. The pictures are wonderful."

Edward L. McKee, former president of the Merchants' Association—"The pictures are splendid. I enjoyed seeing them immensely."

SUES TO COLLECT.

John W. Taylor entered suit in circuit court today against T. E. Short and David T. Call, his surety, for the collection of \$90 principal and interest on a \$75 note issued in April, 1913.

ECONOMY ROBBERS
TAKE AWAY CANDY

ECONOMY, Dec. 5.—Robbers who entered the Ira Jacobs grocery store here last night carried away goods valued at \$25. Money in the cash drawer was not touched. The thieves took three buckets of candy, some cigars and tobacco. It is believed the burglary was committed by Economy persons between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning.

GAS EXPLOSION
BURNS 2 HANDS
OF YOUNG BOY

Russell Hoover Lights Match in Kitchen of Home and Escaping Gas Lets Go With Damaging Effect.

BLAST JARS HOUSE

Front Wall Shoved Out and North Tenth Street Neighborhood Jarred by Detonation.

Russell Hoover, 16, is today nursing two burned hands and a slightly burned countenance as a result of a gas explosion at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hoover, 636 North Tenth street, the north half of a double house.

The explosion was so violent that it shoved out the front wall of the frame dwelling about half a foot. The explosion occurred about 9 o'clock last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover were not at home. Members of the family of Edward W. Burns, living in the south section of the house, were greatly alarmed, but none was injured.

The strange part of the explosion was that not a window glass in the front of the building was broken, and, in fact the only window shattered was in the Hoover kitchen, where the explosion occurred.

Rubber Hose Drops.
In some way the rubber hose connecting the hotplate with the gas pipe came off during the absence of the members of the family, and in a short time the house was filled with gas.

Young Hoover, who is a messenger boy, returned home first, about 9 o'clock, entering the door of the summer kitchen. The door to the other kitchen was locked, and he struck a match to place his key in the lock. When the door opened there was an explosion that was heard all over the north end of the city, and the boy was hurled a distance of eight or ten feet against the west wall of the summer kitchen, stunning him.

Furniture in the front of the house was bowled over and the front wall pushed forward into the foundation a distance of at least six inches. A fire started in some washing drying in the kitchen and a fire alarm was sent in. The blaze was extinguished with small loss. Only the front of the building was badly damaged. Young Hoover's injuries were slight.

E. LEARNER EXPECTS
CAPACITY AUDIENCE

Rev. Robert A. Ellwood who will deliver his speech "Under Three Flags" at the Y. M. C. A. meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Gannett theatre, is expected to attract a capacity house.

Secretary Ellis Learner said: "Rev. Scott Horshey told me that Mr. Ellwood would deliver a stronger lecture than any other man we have on our list." Mr. Learner said, "We have invited the G. A. R. members to attend in a body and also sent invitations to other patriotic orders. We will have the association double male quartet with us at the meeting."

Monday night Rev. Ellwood will deliver another lecture before the men of the First Presbyterian church at the annual men's supper given by the brotherhood.

The Weather

FOR INDIANA—Rain tonight and probably Sunday.

Temperature.
Noon Yesterday..... 40
Maximum..... 44
Minimum..... 38

LOCAL—Cloudy tonight with light rains. Unsettled Sunday with probable rains.

GENERAL CONDITIONS—The Southern storms central over South Carolina remains practically stationary causing light and heavy rains south of the Great Lakes and east of the Ninety-fifth meridian. The Western storm is moving slowly. There is no zero temperature anywhere in the United States.

W. E. MOORE.

Afghan Ruler Marches on India



Habibullah Khan, ruler of Afghanistan, the buffer state between Russia Asia and British Asia, is here shown on horseback. Dispatches from Berlin, concerning which London is discreetly silent, say he is about to invade India with an army of 170,000.

The Ameer has long regarded the Russian-British entente as a huge joke, since for a century the representatives of the two great empires have fought for the right to exploit his own land. He has kept his seat and his independence by taking bribes from both sides and maintaining a balance between them. In Afghanistan it is taken as a matter of course that Russia and Great Britain will war on each other again some day.

EXPECT TO HEAR
RUMELY PLANTS'
FUTURE SHORTLY

Employees Believe Few Days Will Determine Whether Factory Will Close or Operate Extensively.

OLD PATTERNS GONE

Stories Tell How Invention After Merger Altered Equipment Installed for Making Gasoline Tractor.

Among employees and former employees of the Gaar-Scott branch of the M. Rumely company, this city, it was generally reported today that by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week it would be definitely known whether operations at the local factory would be resumed on a larger scale or whether the plant would be, to all extent and purposes, abandoned.

For some time it has been generally reported in Richmond that the local plant was to be abandoned. This report has several times been denied by company officials but at no time has an announcement been made as to the nature of the plans formulated for the factory. At the present time there are about fifty people employed at the plant, including members of the office force.

Employees Fear Outlook.
In the opinion of many of the local employees of the company the officers have reached a decision to close up the factory. They think if it is continued in operation only foundrymen will be employed to make repair parts for the various kinds of machinery manufactured by the company at its several plants. At the present time a few corn shredders and hay balers are being made here.

One traveling representative of the company is the authority for the statement that this year he had orders meant to try to find sales for any of the Gaar-Scott makes of Rumely products then in stock, and it is known that

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Named in Legislative Indictments

Those against whom indictments were returned last night by the Marion County Grand Jury, conducting the legislative inquiry, were as follows:

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WILLIAM P. O'NEILL, Mishawaka; presiding officer of the senate in the 1913 general assembly.
HOMER L. COOK, Indianapolis; speaker of the house of representatives in the 1913 general assembly and now secretary of state.

SENATOR LEVI P. HARLAN, Indianapolis; chairman of the "plunder committee" of the senate.

JOHN J. KEEGAN, Indianapolis; member of the house of representatives in the 1913 session and chairman of the house "plunder committee."

WADE H. FREE, Anderson; clerk of the senate.
GEORGE M. RABB, Mishawaka; assistant clerk of the senate.
SAM N. QUILLLEN, Indianapolis; clerk of the house.
PAUL D. HILL, Greencastle; assistant clerk of the house.
JOHN D. (JACK) SHEA, Indianapolis; chief doorkeeper of the senate in the 1913 legislature and now custodian of the state house.

GEORGE W. SANDS, South Bend; a representative in the 1913 legislature.

MASON J. NIBLACK, Vincennes; parliamentarian of the house in the 1913 general assembly; a representative-elect and a candidate for speaker of the house in the 1914 session.

GEORGE C. STELHORN, Indianapolis; engrossing clerk in the house in 1913.

DOUGLAS BOLZER, New Castle; principal doorkeeper in the house in 1913.

FOURTEEN ATTEND
BANQUET AT "Y"

The first of the monthly "new members" banquets was held last night at the Y. M. C. A. Outside attractions cut the attendance to fourteen. The new members, however, became acquainted with each other, and with the purpose of the association.

Those present were George E. Sheffer, George Wells, Charles H. Sudding, Harry Snyder, Earl Kinley, A. W. Roach, Claude Addleman, Oscar Boner, Harley W. Noggle, Russell L. Brown, Joseph J. Deiser, Carl B. Shaw, Harry Hamer and William T. Sample.

PORTUGUESE CABINET
RESIGNS OFFICE

[BY LEASED WIRE.]
LISBON, Dec. 5.—The Portuguese cabinet resigned today. The collapse of the government was caused by Portugal's proposed intervention in the war. Premier Machado announced the resignations at the close of the sessions of the cabinet.

OBTAIN MURDER CLUE

AURORA, Ill., Dec. 5.—Chief Michels at last believes he is on a genuine clue to the identity of the slayer of Miss Jennie Miller, daughter of former Mayor Holmes Miller. The description of a man who had a heavy pipe wrench similar to the one with which Miss Miller was struck down in the shadow of the Free Methodist church, has been obtained and sent broadcast with offers of reward for his arrest.

FALSE CLAIM STATUTE
BASIS OF RETURN OF
CHARGES AGAINST MEN

Mas Niblack, House Parliamentarian, Samuel M. Quillen, House Clerk, Douglas Bolzer, House Doorkeeper, Wade Free, Secretary of Senate, John D. Shea, Senate Doorkeeper, and Other General Assembly Employees Included.

PAID LOBBYISTS SCORED BY GRAND JURY REPORT

Earl Crawford's Testimony Helps Indict Democratic Members for Misuse of Funds of State—Methods of Handling Bills Receives Attention of Probe Body—Keegan and Sands of House Plunder Committee, Included in Findings.

[BY LEASED WIRE.]

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 5.—At liberty today under their own recognizances, the 13 officers, members and employees of the 1913 Indiana general assembly whose names appear in the thirty-four true bills returned by the Marion county grand jury, accusing them with presenting or signing false claims against state funds, declared that the same methods and customs were followed during that session as those in vogue for the last twenty years.

Only one of those named, Mr. Stelhorn, is accused of receiving payment of state funds. He is alleged to have received \$25 more than was legally due him.

Homer L. Cook, secretary of state, is named in eleven indictments, and O'Neill in five.

The grand jury's report, so far as it deals with the two so-called Lake county "salary grab" bills, which got on to the statute books without having been passed by the legislature, admits that these measures may have gone through by mistake owing to a loose system of checking up bills passed or killed by the legislature.

Attacks Lobbyists.
After pointing out the great need for penal legislation to curb so-called "lobbying" in which vast sums of money are spent in influencing legislation, the report deals with the alleged unlawful expenditure of state funds through payments to unauthorized employees and otherwise.

The investigation revealed that in the senate \$29,000 was paid out to persons designated as employees, as against \$20,573 for the members of that body.

In the house \$37,000 more than the total per diem and expenses of the members was paid to persons called officers and employees of that body.

"Plunder" Committee.
The representatives and senators indicted were members of the legislative committee commonly known as the "plunder committee."

The indictments were returned under Section 2586, Burns' Revised Statutes, which deals with false and fraudulent claims in connection with the receipt or payment of state, county, city or township funds. The penalty on conviction is two to fourteen years imprisonment and a fine of from ten to one thousand dollars.

The jury started its investigation October 8 at the instance of Governor Ralston, who in a letter to Marion County Prosecutor Frank P. Baker pointed out that certain charges and rumors were being made in connection with the affairs of the last legislature which he thought should be cleared up by the grand jury.

Crawford's Work.
Among the matters referred to at the start of the probe were statements made by Earl H. Crawford of Milton, Ind., who represented Fayette and Wayne counties in the last legislature. Crawford made charges of misconduct against Homer L. Cook, speaker of the house, and during a speech he read what purported to be a letter from Cook to a school book dealer asking under what terms a school book company might handle certain books. Crawford also hinted at other questionable dealings.

Two so-called "salary grab" bills for officials of Lake county, signed by Speaker Cook and recorded as having been passed, when no final vote was taken on them, were also mentioned before Governor Ralston wrote his letter to Prosecutor Baker. There also were statements made concerning payments made to certain persons employed by the last legislature who were not entitled to them.

Appear in Court.
The thirteen indicted officers, members and employees of the Indiana general assembly of 1913, appeared in court today, either in person or through legal counsel and were subsequently released on their own recognizances.

State Democratic Chairman Bernard Korby, representing Secretary of State H. L. Cook, made a plea for a speedy trial, and Prosecutor Baker indicated that the case might be set for a date at the present term of court, in which case the present Democratic judge, Joseph M. Markey, would preside.

Lieutenant Governor O'Neill of Mishawaka, was represented by Attorneys Winters, Stotsenburg and W. A. McInerney, the latter of South Bend.

Grand Jury Report.
The indictments returned by the grand jury in the legislative investigation were based on one section of the Indiana statutes—Section 2586,

which has to do with the presenting of false claims.

The law provides for a certain number of employees for both the senate and house, the number for the senate being forty-one and the number for the house being forty-five. It is the understanding that certain additional employees could have been employed, but to make such employment legal it "could have been necessary for the branch of the legislature making such employment to adopt a specific resolution, applying to such additional employment."

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CRAWFORD ASSISTS
LEGISLATIVE PROBE
OF IRREGULARITIES

Former Democrat Calls Attention of Voters in State to Machine Rule in the Lower House.

DISPLEASES RALSTON

Takes Stump for Progressives and Openly Charges Cook and Taggart with Boss Domination.

Earl Crawford, who lives near Milton, and who served in the last legislature as joint representative from Wayne and Fayette counties, being elected a Democrat, was to a great degree responsible for the grand jury investigation, which has resulted in the indicting of Homer L. Cook, former speaker, William P. O'Neill, lieutenant governor, and others who served in the 1913 legislature.

During the campaign last fall, Mr. Crawford, thoroughly disgusted with the conduct of the Democratic state machine, took the stump for the Progressives and he told frankly and bluntly what he knew of the inside workings of the last legislature, which was dominated by the Taggart machine.

Charges Irregularities.
In the opening meeting of the Progressive campaign in Richmond Mr. Crawford was one of the principal speakers. In his address he charged that the reports of irregularities on the part of Speaker Cook and other Democratic leaders in the 1913 assembly, which were just then being generally circulated, were based on actual facts for the most part, and that charges had been preferred against Cook and others with Governor Ralston himself during the last session of the legislature.

Crawford said that he knew what he was talking about because he was one of the men who had appeared before the governor and had entered complaints against the alleged unlawful acts of Speaker Cook and other party leaders. He said that the governor had absolutely ignored these charges.

Ralston Aroused.
When Crawford's speech was published in the Indianapolis newspapers Governor Ralston was greatly aroused and he caustically denied Crawford's assertions. The governor also called a special grand jury to make an investigation and Crawford was one of the principal witnesses to appear before this body.

Mr. Crawford was not at his home today so it was impossible to secure a statement from him regarding the action taken by the grand jury.